

Draft Conclusions

“Water Valuing and Poverty”

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1. WATER AND POVERTY

High on the Global Political Agenda:

- World Water Conferences
- World Summit on Sustainable Development

HOT ISSUE IN EGYPT

in particular in relation with irrigation

2. WATER, Food, Health, Livelihood, Vulnerability of the Poor related to Water Assistance, Environment are part of

Security:

- at the level of countries
- at people’s level

3. Access to clean water is a **Basic Human Right**, recognised by UN Conventions

4. As Access to Clean Water as well as the Aarhus Convention are recognised by UN Conventions, Companies endorsing the **Global Compact** should committ to their implementation.

5. **Empowering people** should be part of the “New Entrepreneurial Business Models” for the Private Sector as well as Public Services. Access to Information and Empowering people, are key leverages for:

- Sound management
- Good governance (fight against corruption)

6. In view of the EU-Med Ministerial Meeting, Johannesburg, Kyoto, the proposed joint action:

•addresses:

- “Valuing water”
- Empowering People
- Implementing Human Rights

• aims to:

- be a new model of Tripartite Partnership on the basis of involvement, transparency, learning from past experiences, equal footing, demonstration, documentation
- build synergies with initiatives in the field of water and poverty launched by UNDP, UNESCO, UNEP, GWP, W.Water Council,

•will take the form of a **FORUM on WATER and SUSTAINABILITY**

• OBJECTIVES

- Joint analysis and evaluation (water management)
- Guidelines on empowerment (UN).
 - a)Principles / definitions related to access to clean drinking water, security, human rights, valuing water, solidarity
 - b) guidelines on empowerment in relation with valuing water at the initiative of public and private Water Companies as well as Cities in the Mediterranean Basin and Europe.
- Capacity building (GWP-tool kit) .Initiatives Water-Poverty-Basic Urban Services
- New management model - investments and empowerment
- Investments in the Water Sector (FDI, ODA, Domestic investments) in the EU-Mediterranean region and their Sustainable Impact Assessment.
- Observatory Annual. Report (EU-Med)